



State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Lawler Lodge Hazardous Fuel Treatment		
PROJECT LOCATION	SE¼ of the NW¼, and the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 26, T4S R2E, SBB&M	COUNTY	Riverside
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is a 25 acre fuel modification project on Riverside County Parks Department Lawler Lodge group campground. CAL FIRE Inmate Crews will hand cut brush and small diameter hardwoods and conifers that create fuel ladders from the forest floor to the tree canopy above. This project will capture areas along highway 243 that the USFS was unable to treat under the North Fork fuel reduction project. In areas where access allows slash will be chipped on site and hauled away by private contractors. In areas inaccessible to vehicles slash will be hand piled and burned at a later date.

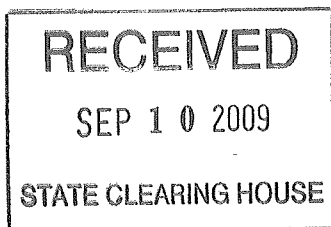
EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project as described above fits the description of the Categorical Exemption "15304. Minor Alterations to Land" as "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees..." CAL FIRE has conducted a limited environmental analysis of this project and determined that none of the exceptions to the use of a Categorical Exemption exist. In that all work will be performed by hand ground disturbance and the potential for impacts will be minimal.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



for Jay D. Wheeler
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director

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Date